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FROM WASHINGTON.

A Serious Conflagration in
Which Four Newspapers
are Burned Out.The Gatto Trail Troubles—Honoring
Their Late Chief—Running Oppo-
sition to the Government.New Postmasters Wanted—Soon to Be
Tested—The Mint—Only Thirty
Days, Etc.Four Newspapers Burned Out
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—A
fire broke out at 7:30 yesterday evening in
the Post building, here, in which are
located the printing establishments of the
Morning Post, the *National Republican*,
the Evening Critic and the *Sunday
Gazette*. The fire spread rapidly through
the upper stories of the building, and
soon destroyed the presses, composing
rooms and offices of the four journals
mentioned. The building also contained
the United States Electric Light Works,
which furnished the electric light for
the city. The fire is supposed to have
been originated in the portion of the
building occupied by the electric light
works. The flames spread rapidly, and
the first alarm was quickly followed by
a general alarm, which brought the entire
Fire Department to the scene. On account
of the large amount of printing
material, the flames spread with great
rapidity, and the Fire Department had
difficulty in getting the fire under
control. The fire, at 10 p. m., was
under control at that time. The
injury to the *Post* building, which had
expired a week ago, was only this morning.Receipts of the Patent Office.
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—The
receipts of the Patent Office for the
months of March, April, May and June
were \$120,720; for the same period in
1884, \$106,500.Reassuring.
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—General
Sheridan telegraphed the President from
Fort Reno yesterday afternoon that no
serious Indian troubles need be apprehended.A New Era of Prosperity Dawning Upon
the South.BALTIMORE, Md., July 17.—In its semi-
annual review of the development of the
South's industrial interests, the Baltimore
Manufacturer's Record publishes to-
day a list of all manufacturing and
mining enterprises organized in the fourteen
Southern States during the last six
months. It shows that there has been great
activity in the South in the organization
of new industries, in spite of dull times,
and moreover that the growth of South-
ern industrial interests is not limited to
the South, but extends over a diversity
of enterprises. The total amount of
capital, including capital stock of incor-
porated companies, represented by
the new enterprises organized during
the last six months, and the number of
workmen employed by the same, was
\$80,000,000 and \$60,000,000, and it con-
tained \$10,000 worth of printing presses
and other destructive property. The in-
surance held by the owners of the *Post*
alone is about \$80,000. The *Republican*
and *Critic* presses are also insured. The
Evening Star and *Sunday Gazette* will
be insured, and the *Critic* will also appear
from the offices of the *Evening Star* to-
morrow. The *Critic* will also appear
in the afternoon from other headquarters.Within a period of less than six months
the four daily newspaper offices have
been destroyed by fire. To-night's con-
ditions are as follows: Alabama, \$6,600,000;
Arkansas, \$375,000; Florida, \$179,000;
Georgia, \$1,550,000; Kentucky, \$10,021,000; Louisiana, \$1,470,-
000; Maryland, \$4,635,000; Mississippi,
\$44,500; Missouri, \$1,255,000; North
Carolina, \$147,000; Tennessee, \$1,82,000;
Texas, \$13,000; Virginia, \$2,003,000; West Virginia, \$35,000.The outlook for business in the South,
according to the *Manufacturers' Record*,
is very favorable. If we may judge by
the prospects for the growing crops, we
are more encouraging than at present. Ex-
perimentation points to magnificent
corn and cotton crops—the largest ever
produced—while for rice, sugar, fruits
and vegetables, the outlook is almost, if
not quite, as gratifying.There Must Be No Further Stoppage.
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—Secretary
Lamar yesterday afternoon directed
Inspector Armstrong to proceed at once
to the Indian Territory, and see to it
that there is no further stoppage of
Texas cattle in passing over established
trails and public highways. The Secre-
tary took occasion to reassert his position
that no infected cattle have a per-
fect right to pass through the Cherokee
strip, established trail, and that no
man dare to do it. The Inspector is
instructed to see that the rights of such
cattle men are not interfered with by the
arbitrary actions of the *Manufacturers' Record*.Filing Now Bonds.
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—Some
time ago Postmaster-General Vilas
directed that Postmasters who had not
within five years filed their bonds should
do so, and, in conformity with this
order, he has said, many have filed
new bonds at the rate of several hundred
a day. It would seem that many of
these Postmasters have been showing
these bonds around among their neigh-
bors, for a lot of complaints have been
received from the public, from Denver,
and from the Postmaster-General, that
the public was being taxed for the
Postmasters' bonds.EXAMINATIONS of the dried beef
which caused so many cases of poi-
soning, recently, at Monroe, showed
that the meat was completely homy-
combed by microscopical, microscopic
vegetable bacteria, which in many
places had completely destroyed the
tissues of the muscles and left gran-
ules, or violent alkaloid poison. The
meat was overcooked and oversteamed,
and had every indication of having
been bad before it was cured. Thirty-
four persons were poisoned, one
of whom has died. Two are seriously
ill, while the balance are now said
to be out of danger.Tur Dallas, Texas, *Herald*, a Dem-
ocratic sheet from A to Z, is not an
ardent supporter of the present ad-
ministration, if one may judge from
the following extract: "If Ohio
goes Republican by 40,000 majority
and New York by 100,000 next fall
it will open the eyes of a good many
men who now do not seem to see
the Great is party and party service in
the United States. Mr. Cleveland
desires to be an independent Presi-
dent, but if he had run as an inde-
pendent he couldn't have
got a single electoral vote in the
United States. Gratitude is a noble
trait of character." This is direct
evidence to the Executive that in the
matter of distributing the spoils
Texas has not received the coveted
share. One hundred thousand pa-
triots are impatiently waiting to hear
the still small voice from Wash-
ington, but though they strain their
ears to the utmost not a whisper
comes to them.HALF's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Re-
sawever never fails in restoring gray hair
to its youthful color, lustre and vitality.
Dr. A. A. Hayes, State Assayer of Mass-
achusetts, endorses it, and all who give it
a fair trial unite in grateful testimony to
its many virtues.WONDERFUL CURES.
Washington, D. C., July 17.—A
form of letter has been prepared by the
Postmaster-General which being sent to
the Postmasters of all the states, will
inform them of the following: "The
Northern Pacific Railroad is running op-
position to the Government in the matter
of the right of way, and is using every
means in its power to obstruct the
matter under investigation, and will
doubtless take means to prevent the rail-
road from conducting such a business."To Examine the Plans.
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—Se-
cretary Whitney has issued invitations to
Constituents Sampson and Goodrich,
Assistant Naval Constructor Bowles,
Chief Naval Constructor Wilson and Mr.
Herman Winter to meet him at the de-
partment of State to consider the
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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—Prepar-
ations are in progress to put into opera-
tion within six weeks the new special
delivery stamps. The experiment will
be conducted at the best manner of fill-
ing the vacancies.Burned at Brighton.
CHICAGO, Ill., July 17.—The Brighton
Cotton-mills, at Brighton, a suburb of
Chicago, were entirely destroyed by fire
yesterday morning. There were fifty-
six hands employed in the mills, and
most of them were injured. The
mill was built of wood, and cost
approximately \$75,000. The loss will be
fully \$100,000; insured for \$35,000.Very Remarkable Recovery.
Mr. Geo. V. Willing, of Manchester,
England, a man of 200 pounds, has been
almost helpless for five years, he help-
less that she could not turn over, the
ladder other men furnished the
brains for him, and that this was the
cause of his rise. It is to be regret-
ted that in choosing his Cabinet Mr.
Cleveland made such a wide depart-
ture from his earlier practices.It is said that President Cleveland
likes his glass of whisky, and takes it, too. Chorus of Prohibition voters
—"Praise St. John, from whom all
blessings flow."Laird, Schoener & Mironoff's
Kid "Thee" Slippers, width A, B,
C, D, width \$2.75, will close out at \$1.75,
at Powers & Haworth's.All other goods in our manufactory store
at the extremely low prices. A visit
to our store will convince you that we
sell Boots and Shoes cheaper than any
other house in Decatur. Ready
2-dwt.Laird, Schoener & Mironoff's
Kid "Thee" Slippers, width A, B,
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& Co's than anywhere else in the city.
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